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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MEXICO FOREIGN SECRETARY TO NEAR EAST
AND AFRICA.

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 3262

1. MEXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARY EMILIO O. RABASA DEPARTED
SEPT 21 ON A TRIP WHICH INCLUDES ALGERIA (SEPT 24-27),
EGYPT (SEPT 27-30), SAUDI ARABIA, TANZANIA AND SENEGAL
AS WELL AS PARIS AND UNGA (OCT 12) ON HIS RETURN.

2. IN A CONVERSATION WITH AMB. JOVA, EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR
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TO MEXICO, DR. ADEL ABDEL HAMID FADEL, SAID THAT HE HAD ONLY

BEEN ADVISED OF THIS TRIP WHEN RABASA CALLED HIM AT 10 PM SEPT 19, TWO DAYS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE, AND URGENTLY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

3. TO DATE NO ITINERARY FOR TRIP HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND EMBASSY UNABLE TO OBTAIN ONE. IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT ITINERARY NOT YET FIRM FOR LATTER STOPS POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF SPUR-OF-THE-MOMENT NATURE OF TRIP.

4. RABASA'S ANNOUNCED PURPOSES FOR TRIP ARE (A) TO PREPARE FOR A PROBABLE VISIT TO THE AREA BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA NEXT YEAR (HE REPORTEDLY HAS STANDING INVITATION FROM EGYPT AND LEBANON); (B) TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR LOCATING THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION IN MEXICO CITY (SENEGAL REPORTEDLY HAS ALREADY COMMITTED ITS SUPPORT TO MEXICO; SINCE YUGOSLAVIA AND INDIA, TRADITIONAL LEADERS OF THE NONALIGNED NATIONS, ARE ALSO SEEKING THEIR HEADQUARTERS, DIPLOMATS IN MEXICO CITY DOUBT THIS EFFORT WILL BE VERY FRUITFUL); (C) TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NATIONS IN THE AREA (THE MEXICAN PRESS MENTIONED KENYA AND UGANDA WHILE DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SUGGEST SAUDI ARABIA IS A LIKELY POSSIBILITY); (D) TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH NATIONS IN THE AREA; AND (E) TO ROUND UP SUPPORT FOR THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

5. RABASA'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, AMB. CARLOS GONZALEZ PARRODI, WILL VISIT ISRAEL TO ASSUAGE POSSIBLE RESENTMENT OVER RABASA'S VISIT TO ARAB NATIONS.
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